

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated May 28, 2008, claims 1-17 and 20 were pending and rejected in this application.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-10 to remove these claims from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the prior art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the present Application. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

The rejections of the claims are being addressed in the accompanying Appeal Brief.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 09-0461, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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